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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 8 and 9, line 1 of each, delete "anyone of the foregoing claims" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Add the following new claims:

*10* --10. Use according to claim 5, wherein the erythropoietin is human erythropoietin.

*11* --12. Use according to claim 5, wherein the erythropoietin or the substance having such activity is of recombinant origin.

*12* --13. Use according to claim 7, wherein the erythropoietin is human erythropoietin.

*13* --14. Use according to claim 7, wherein the erythropoietin or the substance having such activity is of recombinant origin.--